also permitted during the night time. The villagers living outside the fence are not suffering any humiliation from the BSF side.

Recruitment in CISF from Andhra Pradesh

618. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CISF is not recruiting adequate number of people from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a poor record of recruitment from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what is the present system and details of procedure and policies for recruitment in CISF; and

(d) what steps will be taken to rectify the poor recruitment record of CISF in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The population of Andhra Pradesh is 7.37% of the toal population of India and there are 3589 Constables in CISF from Andhra Pradesh which works out to approximately 7.31% of the strength of the Force and is considered adequate.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per recruitment policy, 100% vacancies are allotted to various States/UTs according to the population ratio of the State and vacancies are notified through Employment News/Rozgar Samachar as well as National/Regional Newspaper. Doordarshan and All India Radio are also requested to give wide publicity. Recruitment is conducted as per following procedure:—

(a) Checking/verification of eligibility standards

(b) Conduct of Physical Efficiency Test

(c) Written Examination

(d) Interview

(e) Medical examination.

(d) The DG of the Force has powers to divert vacancies from one State to another if adequate number of persons are not available in one State.

Special assistance to Tamil Nadu

619. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that border States are given special assistance because of their vulnerability and need for patrolling etc.;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that Tamil Nadu is having a long open coast that is vulnerable warranting strict visit round the clock; and

(c) whether Government would provide special assistance to Tamil Nadu in view of the additional cost involved in protecting the coast, on the line of border States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There is no scheme for providing assistance to the border States in general, specifically because of their vulnerability and the need for patrolling.

(b) and (c) Government is aware of the vulnerability of the country's coasts including that of Tamil Nadu to illegal cross border activities. Assistance to Government of Tamil Nadu for protecting the coast will be possible after the coastal security scheme proposed for the coastal States has been finally approved by the Government.

Relief to tackle natural calamities

620. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to tide over the recurrent natural calamities like drought and floods, on different parts of the country in general and Andhra Pradesh, in particular;

(b) whether Government have set up any Committee to rush relief for the affected States in time;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?